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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Ehnebuske et al.

Serial No.: 09/204,973

Filed: December 3, 1998

For: Method and Apparatus for
Applying Business Rules in an Object
Model Driven Context§
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Group Art Unit: 2124

Examiner: Ingberg, Todd D.

Attorney Docket No.: AT9-98-266

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**Certificate of Transmission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**I hereby certify this correspondence is being transmitted to
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
FINAL OFFICE ACTION NOT RECEIVED**

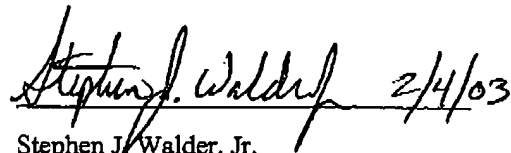
I hereby petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this case, on the basis that the Final Office Action forming the basis of the abandonment was not received. I hereby state: (a) the Final Office Action indicated, as mailed on May 7, 2002, was not received; and (b) a search of the file jacket and the docket records in my office indicates that this Final Office Action was not received.

I attach a copy of the docket record where the non-received Final Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed. As additional evidence of non-receipt of the Final Office Action, I also attach a statement from the person who would have handled the Final Office Action had it been received.

A copy of the non-received Final Office Action was included with the Notice of Abandonment. Accordingly, in response to this Final Office Action, a Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently herewith. In consideration of these submissions, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and the Notice of Appeal entered.

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted,



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